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I HAVE ſet apart this day's paper for the miſcellaneous productions of various correſpondents.

To Mr. FITZ-ADAM,

SIR,

I AM a citizen of no mean city; however, in reſpect to the metropolis, we are deemed the country, and muſt therefore be preſcribed to by London, from whence, as I am told, we receive all our faſhions. But ſurely, Mr. Fitz-Adam, ſome things that I have ſeen of late are too abſurd to come from thence for our imitation, and can only have been unhappy *neceſſities* in ſome perſon of vogue, which others have miſtaken for choice and faſhion.

A FEW days ago, I ſaw a young lady in our neighbourhood, who after ſome conſiderable abſence from home, returned with her hair all off, except as much as might grow in a fortnight after cloſe ſhaving; and that too ſtanding thin and ſtaring. I aſked my wife when I came home, if ſhe knew where Miſs GIDDYCROWN had been; for that I was ſadly afraid ſhe had been confined in ſome mad-houſe; for her head had been ſhaved and bliſtered, her hair was but juſt coming to grow again, and ſhe had, I obſerved, a particular ſhy and wild look. As this was the firſt inſtance of the kind ever ſeen here, my wife knew no more than myſelf what to make of it: ſhe hoped indeed that it might poſſibly not be ſo bad; that it might be only ſome external diſorder of her head; or, had Miſs been married, ſhe ſhould have thought that her hair might poſſibly have come off in a lying in.

BUT alas, Sir! this diſorder of the head has proved contageous; and being given out as the faſhion, is prodigiouſly ſpread. Now if this be only a hum (as I ſuppoſe it is) upon our country apes, it being blown in the WORLD will put an end to it: but if it be a real faſhion, pray be ſo good as to ſet the WORLD againſt it. I am ſure I ſhould be rejoiced to find any remedy in the WORLD for this falling of the hair; for indeed it is a very unſeemly and frightful diſorder.

I am, SIR,

Yours, T. L.

MR. FITZ-ADAM,

I AM infeſted by a ſwarm of country couſins, that are come up to town for the winter, as they call it, a whole family of them. They ferret me out from every place I go to, and it is impoſſible to ſtand the ridicule of being ſeen in their company.

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At their firſt coming to town, I was in a manner obliged to gallant them to the play; where having ſeated the mother with much ado, I offered my hand to the eldeſt of my five young couſins; but as ſhe was not dextrous enough to manage a great hoop with one hand only, ſhe refuſed my offer, and at the firſt ſtep, fell all along. It was with great difficulty I got her up again; but imagine, ſir, my ſituation: I ſat like a mope all the night, not daring to look up, for fear of catching the eyes of my acquaintance, who would have laughed me out of countenance.

You may imagine, Mr. Fitz-Adam, that I contrived all manner of means to get off from any future engagements with my couſins; but it has unfortunately ſo happened, that we have met every where. No longer ago than laſt night I was going into a rout, and moving towards the lady of the houſe, to pay my devoirs to her, what ſhould I hear, but one of the hoydens, who had not ſeen me for two or three days, bawling out, "O law! "there's my couſin!" I adviſed the mother to take the young lady immediately back into the country; for that I feared, the ſame violence of joy which diſcovered itſelf in her voice and looks at only ſeeing me as a relation, might carry her greater lengths, where the affection was ſtronger.

My acquaintance ſee how I am mortified at all public places, and it is a ſtanding jeſt with them, wherever they meet me, to put on the appearance of the profoundeſt reſpect, and to aſk, "Pray ſir, how do your "couſins do?"

This leads me, Mr. Fitz-Adam, to propoſe ſomething for the relief of all thoſe, whoſe country couſins, like mine, expect they ſhould introduce them into the world;

world; by which means we ſhall avoid appearing in a very ridiculous light: for whoever ſees the dancing bears, muſt include the man who ſhews them in the ſubject for laughter. I would therefore ſet up a perſon, who ſhould be known by the name of TOWN-USHER. His bnſineſs ſhould be to attend cloſely all young ladies who never were in town before, to teach them to walk into the play houſe without falling over the benches, to ſhew them the tombs and the lions, and the wax-work, and the giant, and inſtruct them how to wonder, and ſhut their mouths at the ſame time: for I really meet with ſo many gapers every day in the ſtreets, that I am continually yawning all the way I walk.

I SHALL only detain you to make one reflection upon theſe journies to London. It appears very odd to me, that people ſhould chuſe to leave their home for two or three months, to make themſelves unhappy in it the reſt of their lives. My good couſin, the mother, thinks ſhe has acted right in ſhewing her children the world: and fully convinced that they have a thorough knowledge of it, carries them back into the country, where they deſpiſe thoſe with whom they formerly lived in intimacy and friendſhip, becauſe they have not ſeen London. Miſs walks with leſs pleaſure about the fields ſince her fall in the play houſe, and her ſiſters are pouting all day long, becauſe the country can afford them no ſuch ſights as they ſaw in town.

I am,

SIR,

Your great admirer,

A. W.

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I HAVE the honour to be a member of a certain club in this city, where it is a ſtanding order, "That the "paper of the WORLD be conſtantly brought upon the "table with clean glaſſes, pipes and tobacco every "Thurſday after-dinner." In conſequence of this order, a letter, or rather a petition, from one of your correſpondents, was lately read, praying that you would eſtabliſh it as a law, that healths ſhould be *eaten*, as well as *drank*. There appeared ſomething ſo new and national in *eating the proſperity of our king and country*, that the whole club, with a vivacity unknown in that place before, roſe up to applaud it: and after many wiſe and learned debates upon the ſubject, agreed to the following orders and reſolutions.

ORDERED,

THAT in this club, the word TOAST in drinking be changed to MOUTHFUL in eating, and that every member, after naming the MOUTHFUL he propoſes, do fill his mouth as full as poſſible, in honour of the perſon or cauſe ſo named.

ORDERED,

THAT the chairman be always MOUTHFUL-MASTER.

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THAT the MOUTHFUL-MASTER do demand the MOUTHFULS regularly from the members over the right thumb, and do cauſe them to be eaten regularly over his left.

RESOLVED,

THAT all the members of the club be obliged upon every club day to eat a large ſlice of roaſt beef, as a bumper health to old England.

RESOLVED,